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JULY 31, 2007

Outcomes for Probation Youth

The past several years have presented the Probation Department with unique challenges on several different fronts. Many of these challenges were stimulated by audits conducted by the TCBA and CWLA as well as an investigation by the Department of Justice, which resulted in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Justice Department and the County. It needs to be said that the Department has undergone remarkable changes which include embarking upon the implementation of the Title IV-E Wavier and shifting strategies to align with evidence-based practices (EBP) and camp redesign. All of these efforts are aimed to significantly improve the Department's performance on multiple fronts.

In response to the challenges and achievements of the Department, the Board has invested a significant amount of resources and expects positive outcomes for the youth in the juvenile justice system. The Department's improvement efforts and application of these resources should be driven by outcomes that are clearly identified and supported by strategies aligned with EBP and measured in a consistent and ongoing manner.

- I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Chief Probation Officer to:
 - 1. Clearly identify key outcomes for the youth in the juvenile justice system, the supporting strategies with a timeline, based on evidence-based practices, and the performance measures for each outcome;

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- 2. Clearly define the roles of all parties in outcomes which involve other Departments/Agencies to eliminate any confusion, duplication and promote efficiency and accountability;
- 3. Provide this report in 30 days with semiannual progress reports thereafter.

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